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WOMEN IN ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether women organizations in the country have requested the Government for their greater involvement in the role of environment preservation and forest development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), (b) and (c) As per the records of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, no request appears to have been received from any women`s organization for greater involvement of women in the role of environment preservation and forest development. The Ministry has appropriate sensitivity to the capability and potential of women`s contribution to the environment and forestry sectors. One of the major schemes namely National Afforestation Programme (NAP) is implemented in a decentralized mode through Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) at Forest Division level, and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level. The NAP guidelines stipulate upto 50% members of the FDA`s General Body and its Executive Committee will be women. Likewise the percentage of representation of women in the Executive Body of JFMCs is also prescribed. The Ministry has set up a Center on `Role of women in Environmental Conservation and Protection` during 2005-06 under the Environment Information System (ENVIS) Scheme to develop a comprehensive database on various facets of environment involving role of women, and to disseminate the same to the concerned users.